

# *System Administrator's Manual*

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## News Make Group (NewsMkGrp)

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*NewsMkGrp* comprises three separate executables which in concert allow users to create newsgroups. These three executables are in the **bin** directory. **bin/MakeGroup** is a symbolic link to **dtksh/NameNewGroup.dtksh**, which is the desktop korn shell script which is executed when the *NewsMkGrp* icon is double-clicked. This program then calls **bin/GetActive** to retrieve the list of currently-active newsgroups from the news server, and then calls **bin/glf\_makegroup** to actually transmit the new group message to the news server.

The only configurable item with respect to *NewsMkGrp* is the list of newsgroup hierarchies in which users are blocked from creating newsgroups. All newsgroup hierarchies listed in **lib/hierarchyMask** will be unavailable to the user. The format of the file is to list one hierarchy per line. The user will not be able to create any newsgroups whose prefix (the part of the name before the first '.') is listed in **lib/hierarchyMask**. When installed the contents of **lib/hierarchyMask** are:

- control
- junk

These two prefixes should *always* be in **lib/hierarchyMask** (the order they appear in the file is not significant).

A feature of NewsMkGrp is that it does not allow users to create a new newsgroup hierarchy. Thus, if a user desires to create a newsgroup named "fruit.apples", and there are no "fruit.\*" newsgroups, then a news administrator will have to create a group in the fruit hierarchy. The news administrator can do this via the admin interface to NS-NEWSS. Once a group named "fruit" (or "fruit.juice", etc.) is created, then any user with access to NewsMkGrp can create a "fruit.\*" newsgroup.